

Next GARS Meeting is
January 10, 2012
at EAA 690 Hangar at Briscoe Field
Lawrenceville, GA

The

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JANUARY is TECHFEST Month!

Pictures from 2011



A Note from the President



Last winter at the W4KDA QTH—can you see the antenna?

Happy New Year! What are your amateur radio plans for 2012? There are numerous facets, bands, modes, and activities to explore and enjoy for a lifetime of learning and fun with amateur radio. This is where TechFest comes in to help. Everyone from newbie to well-seasoned hams, and even folks who do not yet have their license, can all come out to TechFest and expand their horizons.

TechFest is a place to open your mind, find new avenues, ask questions, have fun, and *get your questions answered*. And while you are feeding your mind, you can also feed your body with a free lunch, and bowls from the chili cook-off. The event is free and I am very proud of two things in particular. First I'm proud that GARS created and hosts this event. Secondly, I am proud that other surrounding clubs work with us to make this a community event.

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TechFest 2012

January 14, 2012, Lawrenceville, GA

Sponsored by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

New Location: Gwinnett Medical Resource Center
665 Duluth Highway (Ga120)
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
<http://gwinnettmedicalcenter.org>

- ⇒ Free Admission ——— Free Lunch ——— Free presentations ——— 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 - ⇒ VE Session— 9:00 AM
 - ⇒ Free Tailgating - Bring your old or new equipment to sell or trade (Bone yard opens at 8:00)
 - ⇒ Free Indoor Table for your clubs demonstrations - Sign up to share your expertise or interest (reservations required).
 - ⇒ Demonstration of portable APRS IGATE and use of Android devices with APRS by Larry, WB4FGF
 - ⇒ With your donation of \$5.00 or more, a chance to win a brand new FT857D with separation kit. On the home page www.GARS.org there's a link to make a donation. You do not have to be present to win this one. We are trying to keep the event FREE, and donations sure do help. \$5.00 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20.00.
 - ⇒ Tickets also available from most GARS officers.
 - ⇒ Door prizes. Our Grand prize which you do need to be present to win is an ICOM ID31A
Slim - Compact Design FM Analog Voice or D-STAR DV
Built-In GPS Receiver Rugged IPX7 Waterproof Construction
Full Dot Matrix Display Directional Keypad Navigation
Micro SD Card Slot Other prizes
 - ⇒ Prize drawing between 1:30 and 2:00.
 - ⇒ See a presentation on Working a Satellite with your Hand Held.
 - ⇒ You are invited to EAT and COMPETE at the **GARS Chili Cook-off** at the GARS TechFest. Some of the best chili in North Georgia will be free for you to eat and enjoy. And if you think your version of your Grandma's chili is "the bomb" (sometimes literally), bring a crock pot full of it with you and compete for coveted honors among your amateur brethren.
 - ⇒ New to ham radio? We'll have a presentation for New Hams by David Harden.
 - ⇒ Much more at www.GARS.org Click the TechFest link at the top of the page.
- Questions? Send e-mail to Norm, wa4zxv@arrl.net or call him at 770-313-9410.

GARS TechFest January 14, 2012
Donation and Chance to win a
Yaesu FT857D



WINNER NEED NOT
BE PRESENT TO WIN



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GARS BREAKFAST CLUB!

Almost every Saturday several GARS members, 15 or so, and some family members meet at **Golden Corral in Lawrenceville** for breakfast. Several are there when the door opens at 7:30 a.m., and we're there until about 9:00 a.m. There are a lot of important topics discussed around the breakfast table. We know who'll be the next president, who shot Kennedy from the grassy knoll, why it rains, when it'll turn cold, and where to find the DX. Of course, all is subject to change before next Saturday.



We have a great time and you are invited to join us and chime in.

73, *Norm* WA4ZXV

Norm, WA4ZXV and the JT65-HF Experience

I've listened to Joe Taylor, K1JT, speak on his low power low noise tools twice recently. Once in Dayton and once in Atlanta. So naturally I wanted to find out more about it. The tools I wanted to try were for meteor scatter or other vhf/uhf communications. But what I found was JT65-HF. I downloaded and installed it months ago. I was warned that a very accurate clock was necessary for the JT65 mode. I installed one of the suggested time sync products and thought I was off to the races. After a couple of failed tries, I put it aside. Then I heard some talk on the GARS repeater and email list about JT65 and started listening. Someone was making some contacts. I sent a note to the GARS email group and received a couple offers of help. I took Kyle up on the offer and after a bit we were talking on the repeater while I tried to make it work. I knew my clock was right, I had installed the suggested software. The JT65 software shows the time in seconds. Kyle ask what time I had, and it was different than his. So back to the drawing board. There were a couple suggestions for time synchronization packages. I tried a couple and neither got me on time with the National Time standard.

One of the requirements for the new sync software to work is stopping the Windows Time Service. I thought I had it stopped, but didn't. I stopped it, but that still had me off on time. I finally did a web search on time sync programs. One showed up from a site I was familiar with "Karen Ware". I uninstalled the others, rebooted, installed the Karen Ware, and rebooted again. Time was OK compared to the National Time Standard.

I started up the JT65-HF again and was off and running. QSOs take a long time, but are short in content. No more than 13 characters per transmission. I have not had the experience where messages show up even though you can't hear the tones; but I understand it happens. So it's not all that good for rag chewing. I made several contacts over the last few days. I originally thought it might be a little tough to use, but it's like most everything else a little practice helped.

The screenshot shows the JT65-HF software interface. At the top left, the date is 2011-Dec-22 and the time is 11:46:43. Below the time, a red banner says "Double click an entry in list to begin a QSO. Right click copies to clipboard." The main window is divided into two panes. The left pane shows a contact log with columns: UTC, Sync, dB, DT, DF, and Exchange. The right pane shows transmission controls, including a "Transmitting: W0MRZ WA4ZXV R-09" status, a "TX IN PROGRESS" indicator, and buttons for "Enable TX", "Halt TX", "TX Generated", "TX Even", and "TX Odd". Below these are buttons for "Call CQ", "Answer Caller", "Send RRR", "Answer CQ", and "Send Report".

UTC	Sync	dB	DT	DF	Exchange
11:45	1	-15	1.7	-304	K WA4ZXV W0MRZ RRR
11:43	2	-13	0.9	-304	B WA4ZXV W0MRZ -06
11:37	1	-9	0.3	-304	B CQ W0MRZ EN42

Being able to use the GARS Yahoo email group and the GARS repeater helped a lot.

Maybe we'll see you on JT65-HF!

73, *Norm*

— Pictures from our 2012 Holiday Party —





From: THE COMMUNICATOR

Newsletter of the TAMAMI AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Incorporated 30 November 1984 – Venice, Florida

Web Site – <http://tamiamiarc.org> Provided to GARS, courtesy of Bruce, WA8IQF

CURRENT/UPCOMING DX ACTIVITY & PROPAGATION HIGHLIGHTS

CURRENT and/or SCHEDULED DX ACTIVITY

COUNTRY – CALL SIGN	ACTIVITY PERIOD	BEARING	HF BANDS and BEST OPENING TIMES (UTC)							
			80	40	30	20	17	15	12	10
Sri Lanka - 4S7KKG; **, digital, dipoles	Now to 10 March	28	23-01	22-02	23-01	13-22	14-21	14-20	15-20	16-17
Namibia – V5/DJ2BQ, V5/DJ2HD	Now to 16 Jan	107	22-05	21-07	21-05	17-00	13-22	13-22	14-21	14-21
Namibia – V5/DL1ZU	Now to 13 Jan	107	22-05	21-07	21-05	17-00	13-22	13-22	14-21	14-21
Reunion – FR/F6CAM	Now to 10 Jan	91	22-02	21-03	21-03	17-00	16-22	14-21	14-20	15-19
United Arab Emirates – A6/VE6LB **	Now to 10 Jan	43	–	–	–	13-21	14-15	14-15	14-15	14-15
Rotuma – 3D2AG/p; SSB & CW	Now to 09 Jan	263	06-13	04-15	04-15	13-01	18-00	18-00	19-22	20-21
Palau – T88CW, XC, OF & KI; all modes	Now to 08 Jan	307	08-13	07-14	07-15	13-01	14-00	15-23	21-23	22-23
Rwanda – 9X0PY	Now to 07 Jan	81	–	–	–	15-23	13-22	13-21	14-19	15-18
East Kiribati – T32AU; exact dates uncertain	01 to 31 Jan	267	04-13	01-15	01-15	16-01	17-00	17-23	18-22	18-20
Mariana Is – KH0K & KH0UY	07 to 10 Jan	306	07-13	06-15	06-15	14-01	21-23	21-23	21-22	21-22
Palau – T88SM	11 to 15 Jan	307	08-13	07-14	07-15	13-01	14-00	15-23	21-23	22-23
Tuvalu – T2HA; all modes	12 to 26 Jan	267	06-13	04-15	04-15	13-01	18-00	18-00	19-23	20-21
Cambodia – XU7AVO, etc.; JA Team op	14 to 22 Jan	349	11-12	11-13	NO	13-20	14-19	15-18	15-16	16-18
East Kiribati – T32CO, etc.; Team operation	17 Jan to 02 Feb	267	04-13	01-15	01-15	16-01	17-00	17-23	18-22	18-20
Pitcairn Is – VP6T; Intl Team operation	20 Jan to 04 Feb	226	03-12	01-14	01-15	14-01	15-00	17-23	18-22	19-21
Senegal – 6W7SK; ** focus on low bands	20 Jan to 03 Feb	87	22-09	21-10	19-12	12-00	13-22	–	–	–
Malpelo Is – HK0NA; big Intl operation	22 Jan to 22 Feb	358	22-13	00-24	13-00	14-23	16-21	17-21	16-21	2000
Wallis & Futuna – FW0R; al modes, Team op	24 Jan to 23 Feb	260	06-13	04-15	04-14	17-01	18-00	18-23	19-22	20-22
Maldives – 8Q7HU; all modes, Team op	25 Jan to 05 Feb	41	22-02	21-03	21-03	13-23	13-22	14-21	15-20	16-18
Fiji – 3D2HA; all modes	26 to 29 Jan	258	06-13	05-15	05-14	14-01	18-00	18-00	19-23	21-22

Updated 28 December 2011, based on <http://www.ng3k.com>

Notes: Time in bold = Bands with 75-100% opening; ??? = Call Sign not yet known; ++ = Mostly Phone; ** = Mostly CW; NO = No Opening forecast. Long Path bearings and opening times are underlined. All forecasts calculated using W6ELProp V.2.60 propagation software, available to download at <http://www.qsl.net/w6elprop/>. Solar Flux and K-index varied by date in accordance with USAF 45-Day A/P Forecast.

The DX Code Of Conduct

from <http://www.dx-code.org/>

- I will listen, and listen, and then listen again before calling.
- I will only call if I can copy the DX station properly.
- I will not trust the DX cluster and will be sure of the DX station's call sign before calling.
- I will not interfere with the DX station nor anyone calling and will never tune up on the DX frequency or in the QSY slot.
- I will wait for the DX station to end a contact before I call.
- I will always send my full call sign.
- I will call and then listen for a reasonable interval. I will not call continuously.
- I will not transmit when the DX operator calls another call sign, not mine.
- I will not transmit when the DX operator queries a call sign not like mine.
- I will not transmit when the DX station requests geographic areas other than mine.
- When the DX operator calls me, I will not repeat my call sign unless I think he has copied it incorrectly.
- I will be thankful if and when I do make a contact.
- I will respect my fellow hams and conduct myself so as to earn their respect.



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Involving others increases the pool of knowledge and experience; it makes for a more well-rounded experience for the visitors.

My first few visits to TechFest resulted in sensory-overload and ever-lasting excitement. Both are good things! It is great that TechFest continues to grow and I hope it continues for a long time.

Wishing you great health, wealth, and may all your contacts be 59,

Kyle W4KDA

A Totally Fictitious Story About RDF Balloon Hunting in the North Georgia Mountains

by Kyle Albritton W4KDA

For the GARS 2011 Holiday Party, we played a mad lib game. This was the original, fictional story behind the game, embellished in part from tales shared by Eddie Foust, WD4JEM.

As a science experiment, a high altitude balloon filled with helium was launched from Alabama. Unfortunately, the balloon landed way off course, so they offered a reward for its retrieval. Eddie and Geri went out hunting for it on a beautiful Sunday morning. They took their HTs, RDF antennas, and extra supplies and followed the radio signal deep into North Georgia.

After several times of stopping and taking bearings, they found a very strong signal near a farm. Eddie got out of the car and started following the signal. Suddenly, Eddie found himself being chased across a field by a large scary bull. He ran towards a patch of woods and got away from it. To his surprise the balloon signal was much stronger so he continued following the RF toward the balloon.

Following the signal, Eddie went up a hill and came to a clearing. He was surprised to see a very large metal still. As Eddie thought, "I bet the still was reflecting the signal," a person stepped from the shadows. The person turned out to be a very angry farmer holding a shotgun. He spit on the ground, looked up, and yelled at Eddie, "Congratulations...you're a dead man!"

Eddie ran for his life, down the hill, across the field, past the bull, jumped over a fence, and landed square on his face in a trough full of slop. As he quickly got up from the trough, he noticed the payload he was hunting hanging low from a tree near where Geri was parked. Covered in mud and running back toward the car, Eddie yelled, "start the car quick!" Then he ran past the car, grabbed a big rock off the ground, threw it at the payload, and knocked it down. Before you could say "seven three," he had picked up the payload and jumped in the car. You might guess, this was not their first time hunting in unknown territory. Geri instinctively floored the car and high-tailed it out of there. A minute later Geri turned to Eddie, and said, "Did you get chased by a bull again?" "Yeah," he replied, "but now all I can think about is how we are going to spend our \$100!"



GARS Email Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS/>

Join the GARS Yahoo Group if you are not already a member. To do so, go to the GARS Yahoo Group web site (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/GARS/>) and then click on the Join This Group! link on the main page.

If you have joined the group, you can Post a message by sending an email to GARS@yahoogroups.com

The Yahoo Group is for GARS friends and members to share information, ask questions, and make announcements.

This is your group and each member is welcome to post questions or comments relating to amateur radio. Use it! With all the new hams in the area, this is great place to ask for help. There's someone out there reading the emails that can help.

To Learn & Have Fun



- **147.075+ 82.5**
- Meetings 2nd Tuesday Jan-Nov
- Multiple nets every week
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www.gars.org

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For additional information view our Website at: <http://www.gars.org>

Newsletter Editor: Ray Bailey—N4GYN
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JOIN ARRL **- OR -** **RENEW YOUR** **MEMBERSHIP** **THROUGH GARS**

Help the GARS Treasury by applying for ARRL membership or renewing your ARRL membership through GARS. By applying for ARRL membership through GARS we are able to keep \$15.00 of the normal membership fee for our Treasury. We can keep \$2.00 from each renewal.

Show your support for both organizations by applying through GARS.

Ralph Pickwick – KJ4CNC, GARS Treasurer, will have the ARRL applications at the monthly meetings for your use. We only ask that you don't wait until the last minute to renew, as we will only be sending the applications to ARRL on a monthly basis. We will only be accepting personal checks with the applications (no PayPal).

If you have any questions concerning this process, please contact Ralph at KJ4CNC@arrl.net.



UPCOMING HAMFEST CALENDAR

SouthEast US



01/14/2012 | TechFest

Location: Lawrenceville, GA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://gars.org>

02/04/2012 | South Carolina State Convention

Location: Ladson, SC
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Charleston Amateur Radio Society
Website: <http://www.wa4usn.org>

02/18/2012 | Freeze Fest

Location: Locust Fork, AL
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Blount County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://w4blt.org>

02/25/2012 | Dalton Hamfest

Location: Dalton , GA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Dalton Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://DaltonHamfest.com>

03/03/2012 | Alabama Section Convention (BirmingHamfest)

Location: Birmingham, AL
Type: ARRL Convention, pending Executive Committee approval
Sponsor: Birmingham Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://w4cue.com>

05/12/2012 | Heart of Georgia Hamfest

Location: Byron, GA
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Central GA ARC, Middle GA Radio Club, & BMSRC
Website: <http://wa4ort.com>

BSA Venture Crew 73 Wants You

IF YOU are between 14 and 21 years old, enjoy outdoor activities, and have an interest in radio technology,
Venture Crew 73 is for you.

- Venture Crews are part of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Venture crew 73 is chartered by the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society.
- Venture crew 73 is coed.
- Meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at EAA 690 Hangar at:
Briscoe Field - Sports Aviation Complex
Hangar 1, 690 Airport Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
- Crew 73 is a youth-run organization, which means that our Crew President and other youth plan the Crew's outings and activities each month.

We enjoy:

- ◇ Camping
- ◇ Hiking
- ◇ Horseback Riding
- ◇ Shooting Sports

- Crew activities usually mix high adventure and the use of Amateur Radio.
- For more information, attend our next meeting or contact:

Steve Back, WB2OGY

Venture Crew 73 Committee Chairman

Phone: 770-712-9069

Email: committeechair@venturecrew73.org

Jeff Lee, AF4JL

Venture Crew 73 Advisor

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GARS Officers and Committee Chairs

Kyle Albritton, President	W4KDA
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Phil McCleary, Net Manager	N4LNE
Mike Swiderski, Technical Advisor	K4HBI

GARS Communications

<u>2 Meter Repeater</u> 147.075(+) MHz 82.5 PL Tone	<u>2 Meter Repeater</u> 147.255(+) MHz 107.2 PL Tone
<u>APRS</u> 144.390 -- 1200 Baud W4GR	<u>6 Meter Repeater</u> 53.110 (-1 MHz) 82.5 PL Tone
<u>D-Star</u> WD4STR 145.060 + (1.4 MHz) 440.550 + (5 MHz)	<u>70 Cm Repeaters</u> 444.525(+) MHz 82.5 PL Tone 442.100(+) 82.5 PL Tone
Main Repeater Site Oak Street, Lawrenceville	Backup Repeater Site Lanier Mountain, Snellville

**The following members are
celebrating birthdays
in January:**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From All of Us at GARS

Stephen Adams (K4STA)

Charles (Chick) Bartlett (W4CFB)

Paul Bransford (KK4DUY)

Terry Cantrell (W4WTC)

Hal Collier (W4IGE)

Randy Collins (N4COR)

Phil Hix (KJ4ZDO)

Harley Jones (KB4AIA)

Dorothy Jubon (N2DLJ)

Edward Juzumas (WA2BIG)

David Kuechenmeister (N4KD)

Grant Porter (KG4SDR)

Michael Stebnicki (KJ4PQZ)

Newton White (K0NWT)

Curtis Young (WA4HCE)

GARS Recurring Calendar

- ♦ Monthly club meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- ♦ Every Monday at 8 p.m.: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 2-meter repeater
- ♦ Every Thursday at 9 p.m.: GARS Round Table Net, 2 & 6 Meters
- ♦ Every Saturday at 7:30 a.m.: GARS Weekly Family Breakfast, Golden Corral Restaurant, Riverside Drive, Lawrenceville

**Meeting Minutes
GARS General Meeting Dec. 16, 2011**

Holiday Party / GARS General Meeting

Kyle Albritton, W4KDA, GARS President, called the meeting to order at 8:38pm at the EAA building.

Treasurer's Report – Ralph Pickwick, KJ4CNC

Membership – Dave Bruse, W4DTR, reported the following:
Bruce Brown, WA8IQF, voted in as new member.
Mike Cottrell, KJ4EIE, voted in as new member.
GARS has 197 active members.

January's program will be "*QSL cards and Logbook of the World*" by Mike Weathers, ND4V.

TECHFEST will be on January 14th. It will be held at the Gwinnett Hospital System Resource Center. There will be 10-15 tables demonstrating methods and modes of amateur radio communications. Raffle tickets for a Yaesu FT-857D are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

Dave Bruse, W4DTR, was named GARS "Ham Of The Year".

Prize Drawings

Meeting ended at 9:05 p.m.

Hal Collier W4IGE, Secretary





What's new on the WEB SITE?

- ◆ You should notice a change to the user menu. It will change when you log in to give you more options.
- ◆ The Apparel link now features PAYPAL to order your GARS Apparel, as well as downloading an order form.
- ◆ Are you using the web site to renew your membership? You can use PayPal to renew only your GARS membership or become a new member.
- ◆ The ARRL renewal must be done in person with the Treasurer.
- ◆ Do you get the GARZETTE from the web site? It's in the File Download menu selection in the Newsletter Folder.

73, *David* KA4KKF

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society

Today ◀ ▶ January 2012 ▾

Print Week Month Agenda ▾

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jan 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8pm GARS 2m Net	6:30pm GARS Exec Meeting		9pm GARS ROUND TABLE NET		7:30am Breakfast at Golden Coral on Riverside
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	8pm GARS 2m Net	5pm Dinner at the Flying Machine 7pm GARS Meeting		9pm GARS ROUND TABLE NET		GARS TechFest 7:30am Breakfast at Golden Coral on Riverside
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	8pm GARS 2m Net			9pm GARS ROUND TABLE NET		7:30am Breakfast at Golden Coral on Riverside
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	8pm GARS 2m Net			9pm GARS ROUND TABLE NET		7:30am Breakfast at Golden Coral on Riverside
29	30	31	Feb 1	2	3	4
	8pm GARS 2m Net			9pm GARS ROUND TABLE NET		7:30am Breakfast at Golden Coral on Riverside

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time



Metro Testing Sessions

GARS publishes Metro Atlanta VE exam schedules as a service and is not responsible for errors or changes. Call and confirm schedules before going. All sessions are walk-in. Take copies of current license and certificate of completed elements with you to all sessions. Find additional sessions online at <http://www.arrl-ga.org>.

First Sunday, ODD Months

2 p.m. (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov)
WCARS VEC

Braselton Public Utility Building
4986 Highway 53, Braselton, GA
Roger Gibson, WB4T
(770) 271-4210 or (770) 712-9560

First Sunday, EVEN Months

2 p.m. (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
WCARS VEC

Johnson High School
3305 Poplar Springs Rd, Gainesville, GA
Perry Roper, KO4RD
(770) 536-3056

Second Saturday, ODD Months

ARRL VEC

8:30 a.m.

Stone Mountain Methodist Church
5312 West Mountain St.
Stone Mountain
Bob Varone, W4ETN
(770) 978-3179

Second Sunday

VEC: W5YI

2 p.m. (effective Jan 2012)
Gwinnett County Fire Station #5
3001 Old Norcross Road
Duluth, GA 30096
Contact: Dave Bruse, W4DTR
Email: w4dtr@arrl.net

Third Saturday

VEC: W5YI

3 p.m. (Except December)
Auburn City Hall Council Room
1369 Fourth Avenue
Auburn, GA
Steve Donellan, N5SMD
(404) 520-0368

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Ham Exam Results for 2011

In 2011 we had a total of 34 people take their Ham Exams at the Lawrenceville Masonic Lodge building. Also, we had an additional 16 people take their Ham Exams between the GARS TechFest and the GARS Field Day exam sessions:

7 new Technicians
3 upgrades to General
1 upgrade to Extra
5 failed test

That is a total of 50 people taking their Ham Exams in 2011.

There were 14 people that passed the Ham Exam element they came in to take and also tried taking the next element without studying for that element. There was one person that passed Technician and General without studying for the General.

2011 Ham Exam results:
19 new Technicians
7 upgrades to General
1 upgrade to Extra
7 failed test

I want to thank all the Volunteer Examiners for the many hours they had contributed throughout 2011. With the dedication these VE's provide each month, Amateur Radio will continue to grow. Please give your continuing support to David Bruse (W4DTR) as the new Contact VE.

Thanks and 73,
Frank Sauter KF4TQV

Fourth Tuesday

ARRL VEC

7 p.m. @ United Way Service Center
6279 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville
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Fourth Sunday

2:30 p.m. Georgia Tech
VanLeer Elec. Building
Rm. W218, 777 Atlantic Dr.
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Metro Club Meetings

First Tuesday

Kennehoochee ARC
Southern Polytechnic
State University
Meeting begins at 7:30 PM
Talk In 146.880(-)

First Thursday

Atlanta Radio Club
Georgia Red Cross HQ
1955 Monroe Dr., Atlanta
Meeting is at 7:30 PM
Talk In -146.820(-)
N.E. Georgia ARC
Commerce Public Library
Meeting is at 6:30 PM
Talk In - 147.225(+)
PL 123.0

Second Monday

Georgia Tech ARC
Room W218
Van Leer Electrical
Engineering Bldg.
Georgia Tech Campus
Meeting at 7:00 PM

Second Thursday

Alford Memorial Radio Club
Annistown Road Baptist Church
Intersection of Annistown
Rd & Spain Rd
Stone Mountain
Dinner at 6:00 PM
Meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 146.760(-)

Second Saturday

North GA QRP Club
Board Room of The
Shepherd Center at
2020 Peachtree Rd, NW, Atlanta
at 10:00 AM

Third Tuesday

North Fulton Amateur Radio
League
Masonic Lodge
194 Milton Avenue
Alpharetta, Georgia
meeting at 7:30 PM
Talk In - 145.47(-)

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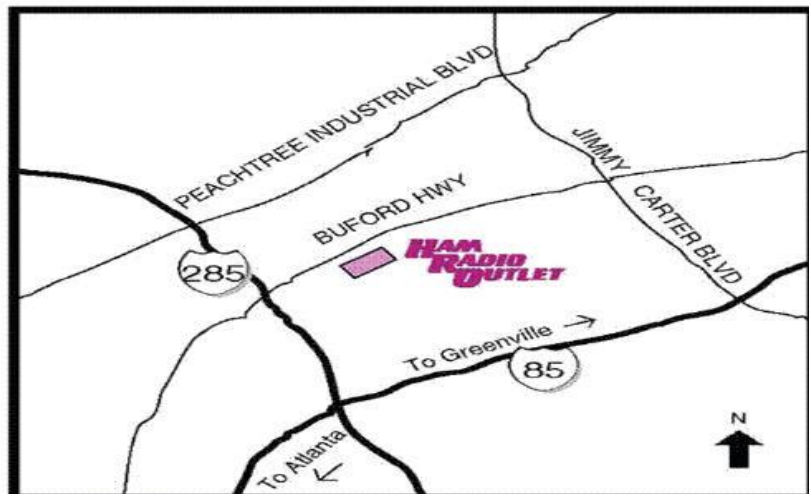
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